

1998 Addendum

The Maricopa Association of Governments (MAG) Long Range Transportation Plan (LRTP) addresses all modes of transportation in the region. The Plan is based on a 20 year, or longer, time horizon. In October of 1997, the MAG Regional Council approved the MAG LRTP Summary and 1997 Update.

Since that time, several minor changes to the LRTP have occurred. In order to insure consistency between the TIP and Plan for purposes of conformity, it is necessary to do a 1998 Addendum to the Plan. Highlights of this Addendum include:

- Incorporation of the latest adjustments to the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) Life Cycle Construction Program and Long Range Plan for Freeways,
- Project changes, additions, and deletions in the MAG FY 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program,
- Updates to the Long Range Street Plan as submitted by member agencies, and

- Extension of the time horizon of the LRTP from 2017 to 2018.

Process

The process for adopting this Addendum is the same as adopting an overall update of the LRTP. It began with public meetings to provide MAG with guidance, then proceeds with the incorporation of recommended additions and modifications to incorporate in the Addendum. The draft Addendum is prepared for air quality conformity analysis and public comment. The final draft Addendum is then submitted to the Regional Council for adoption.

Changes to the LRTP this year are relatively minor. Rather than completing a summary and update as in previous years, this Addendum will accomplish our goal. Major work efforts that are underway that could lead to future changes in the LRTP include the Grand Avenue Concept Study and the MAG Fixed Guideway System Study.

Addendum

This Addendum amends the MAG LRTP through incorporation of the following items:

Freeway Priorities:

ARS 28-1597.02(B) requires MAG to adopt priorities for new freeway construction. Priorities were last adopted by MAG in November 1996. The *FY 1998-2006 MAG Area Life Cycle Construction Program and Long Range Plan* completed by the Arizona Department of Transportation (ADOT) shows only minor changes in completion dates. Based on review by the MAG Fiscal Analysis Unit, the completion dates associated with the *FY 1999-2006 MAG Area Life Cycle Construction Program and Long Range Plan* constitute MAG freeway priorities (See Appendix A which is subject to MAG adopted revisions to the Life Cycle Program).

MAG FY 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program:

The MAG Long Range Transportation Plan is a composite of numerous documents and the actions taken by the Regional Council. A multimodal document developed in relation to this addendum is the *MAG FY 1999-2003 Transportation Improvement Program (TIP)*. The TIP is

a five year program of surface transportation improvements which is developed annually for the purpose of improving the overall efficiency of the existing transportation system. Changes in this TIP constitute a change in the LRTP

MAG Regional Street Plan Update:

The MAG Regional Street Plan incorporates local street plans for major streets and non controlled access State highway plans. For the most part, these are existing and planned paved streets on the mile grid street system, plus at-grade State highways which provide intercity access. The Plan includes a finance plan that identifies costs and funding for the Street Plan. Information on planned street improvements is updated by surveying MAG member agencies every two to three years. Survey results from 1996 were sent out to member agencies for confirmation in 1997 and the final results are incorporated into the MAG modeling networks and used for planning purposes.

Extension of Time Horizon to 2018:

The Intermodal Surface Transportation Efficiency Act of 1991 (ISTEA) requires that transportation plans in metropolitan areas address at least a twenty year planning horizon. To meet the 20 year horizon, this Addendum extends the planning period from 2017 to 2018.